

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2005. Claims 1-9 stand rejected. Claims 10-21 are allowed. In this Amendment, claims 1-9 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lovelace, et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,431, hereinafter "Lovelace"), in view of the Examiner taking official notice. Applicant respectfully submits that since claims 1-9 have been cancelled, this rejection is moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 10-21 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Marina Portnova at (408) 720-8300.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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